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STYLE DISPENSER APPARATUS,
SENSOR, METHOD AND SYSTEM WITH
PROXIMITY SENSOR

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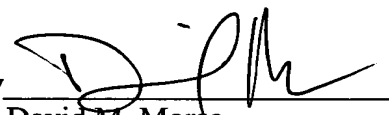
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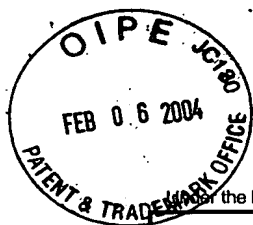
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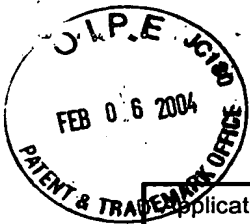
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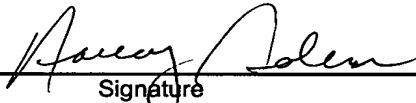
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